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 FROM THE AMBIENT
 ENVIRONMENT ON AN ARRAY

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action of June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix and/or Attachment may be attached following page 19 of this paper.

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